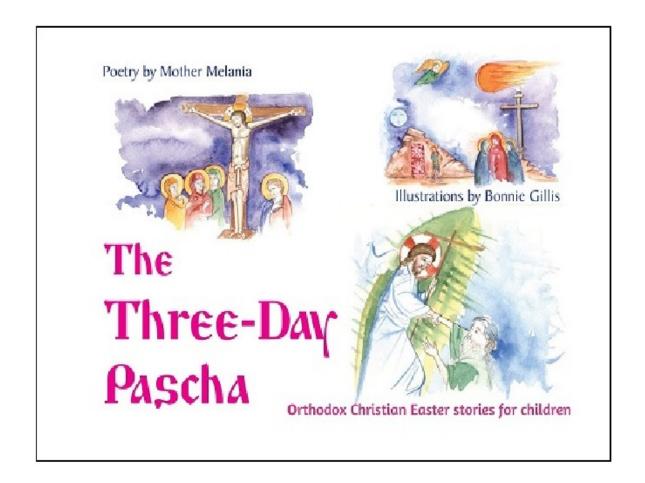
### Worksheets for



# The Three-Day Pascha: Orthodox Christian Easter Books for Children

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# Work Sheets for Great and Holy Friday



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## **Great and Holy Friday**



He bows His head, the God of Might, And then He dies – for He is Light And Life, and cannot die until He chooses death of His own will.

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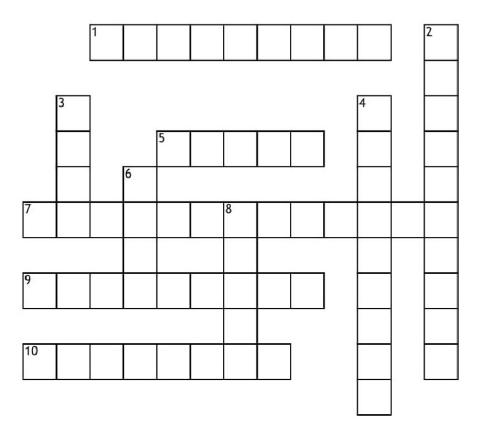
# **Great and Holy Friday**



The sun goes dark, the mountains shake.
The tombs are split as Jesus takes
Upon Himself all mankind's curse--The fall of Adam to reverse.

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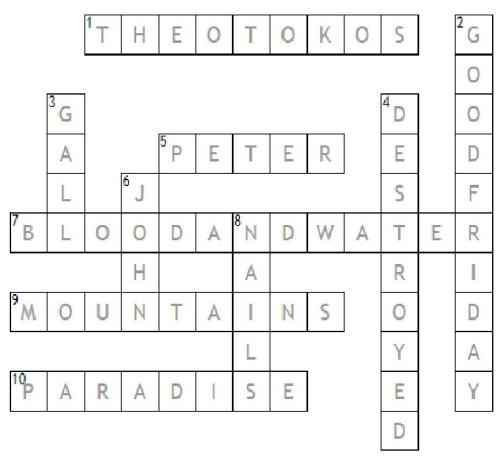


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## Great and Holy Friday - Key



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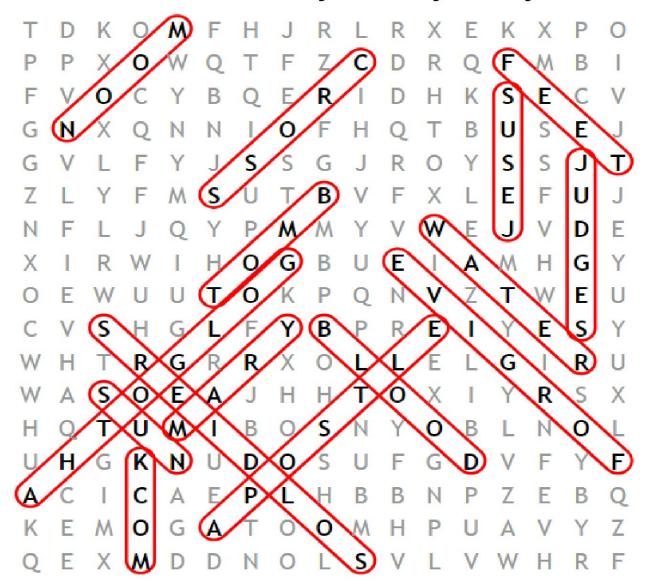
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### **Great and Holy Friday – vocabulary**

- 1. astray wandering away
- 2. condemn to judge somebody guilty
- 3. cruel very mean; liking to hurt people or animals
- 4. curse to wish very bad things on somebody
- 5. deny to say something isn't true
- 6. fearsome very scary
- 7. gall something very bad tasting
- 8. Golgotha the hill where Jesus was crucified
- 9. hushed quiet; silent
- 10. noble being a very good person
- 11. paradise where Adam and Eve lived
- 12. pierce to cut deeply
- 13. repent to be sorry for your sins and to be willing to obey God
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- 15. tide a big wave of water

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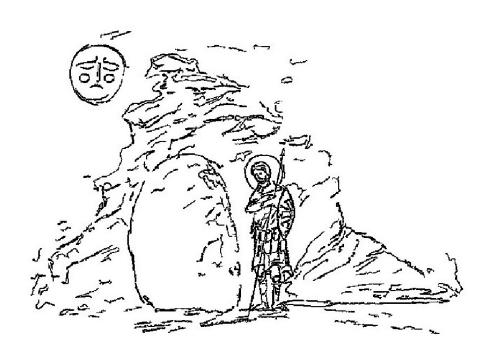
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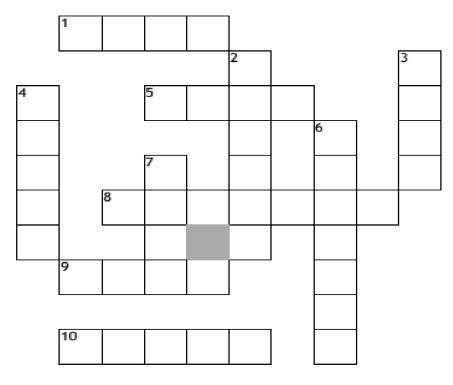
And though He has most truly died, He has not left His Father's side. For in the heavens, He still reigns Though in the grave He now remains.

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Be awed today. With trembling look Upon the tomb of Christ, who took The sting of death and sin away And rests within the earth today.

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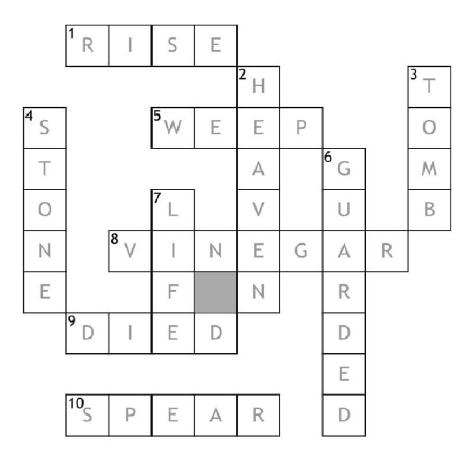
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- **9.** Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for Adam's race.
- 10. Christ's side was pierced by a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Down

- 2. Even though Christ died, He never left \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. When Jesus died, He was placed in a \_\_\_\_\_.
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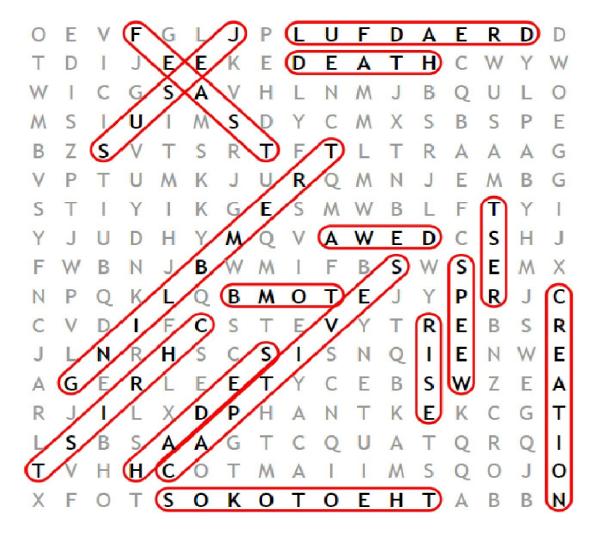
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### **Great and Holy Saturday – vocabulary**

- 1. anew in a new or better way; once again
- 2. awed part amazed and part scared over something wonderful
- 3. captive prisoner
- 4. conquer to win, to beat somebody
- 5. creation everything God made; the whole universe
- 6. creature something that God made; an animal
- 7. dreadful very terrible or scary
- 8. eager wanting to have or do something very much
- 9. grant to give
- 10. Hades the place of the dead
- 11. majesty greatness like that of a mighty king or a huge mountain
- 12. mortal going to die; not able to live forever
- 13. reign to rule as a king
- 14. release to let go
- 15. trembling shaking

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### **Great and Holy Saturday – Matching**

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10. the place of the dead	J. creation
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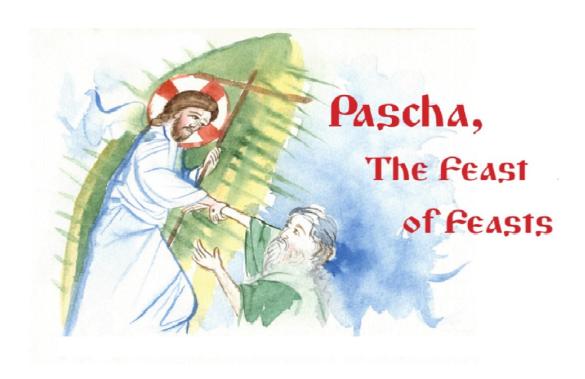
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### Pascha, the Feast of Feasts



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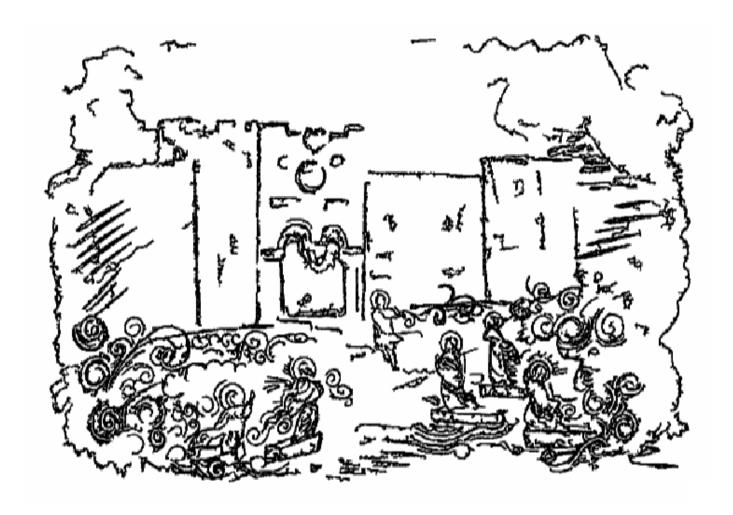
### Pascha, the Feast of Feasts



O all creation, sing to Him For Whom the Sun in grief grew dim For through His death and rising, He Restores you to true purity.

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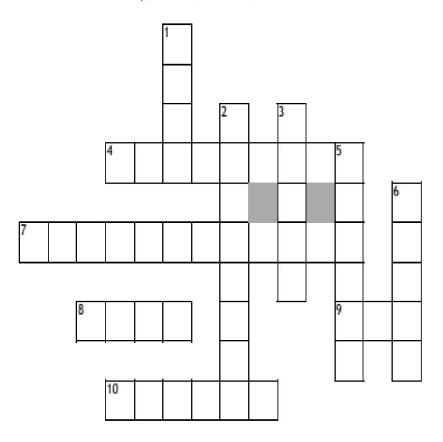
### Pascha, the Feast of Feasts



Ye dead, rise up now from the tomb For Christ has scattered death's dark gloom. With His divine, eternal Light, He drives away sin's fearsome night.

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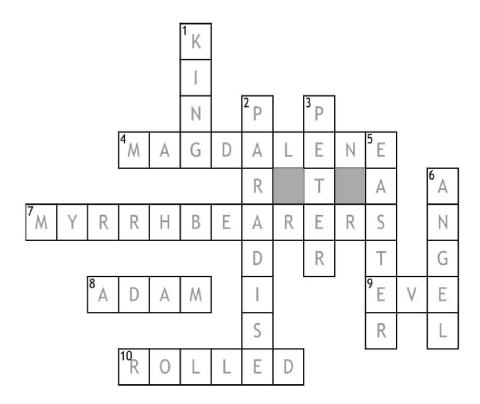
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- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Mother of the human race.
- 10. The stone was \_\_\_\_\_ away from the tomb.

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- 2. Adam and Eve lived in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. John and \_\_\_\_\_ ran to Christ's tomb.
- 5. Pascha is also known as \_\_\_\_\_
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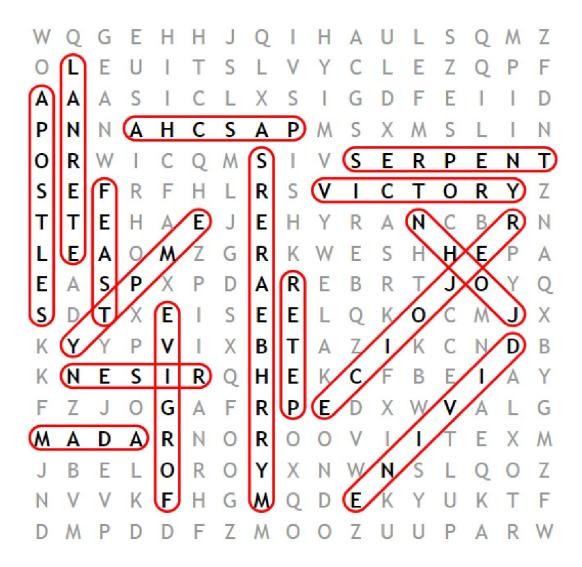
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### Pascha, the Feast of Feasts – vocabulary

- 1. divine being God; being like God
- 2. eternal forever; always there
- 3. gain to get something; to get more of something
- 4. gloom darkness; deep sadness
- 5. grief very great sadness
- 6. impart to give
- 7. myrrh a beautiful-smelling plant oil
- 8. o'er a way in poetry to say 'over'
- 9. rejoice to be very glad
- 10. restore to give back; to make like new
- 11. scatter to spread far apart
- 12. serpent a snake or a dragon
- 13. shatter to break into bits
- 14. triumphant having won a battle or war
- 15. victory a win

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### Pascha, the Feast of Feasts - Matching

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#### INTRODUCTORY LESSON

#### OBJECTIVES - students will learn

- 1. "Pascha" is the Day of Resurrection, but it is also the 3-Day Pascha Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday, and the Day of Resurrection.
- 2. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover" and the Greek word for "to suffer" or "to experience."
- 3. The crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ affect the entire creation.
- 4. We don't just celebrate these as things that happened in the past, but we live them now.

#### LESSON

- "Pascha" means the Day of Resurrection, but it also means the 3-Day Pascha Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday, and the Day of Resurrection.
  - This lesson is going to explain why this is
- "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover" and the Greek word for "to suffer" or "to experience."
  - Pesach is the Hebrew word for Passover.
    - Passover is when the angel of death "passed over" the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when they put the blood of a lamb on the doorway of their house. Then, the Israelites were able to flee Egypt and "pass over" the Red Sea to the Promised Land
    - Because of the Cross, Burial and Resurrection of Christ, we are saved from death and pass over from death to Life
  - Pascho is the Greek word for "I suffer" or "I experience."
    - Christ suffered death and burial for us
    - so that we can experience Resurrection and eternal Life in Him
- The crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ affect the entire creation
  - When He died, the sky went dark, the earth shook, and the rocks split.
  - When He rose, that was the beginning of the healing of all Creation.
- We don't just celebrate these as things that happened in the past, but we live them now
  - That's why the services so often say "today" or "THIS is the day"
    - e.g. "THIS is the Day of Resurrection
  - Christ's death, burial and resurrection aren't just something that we need to learn about the same way we learn about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln
  - Rather, as we live faithful Christian lives in the Church, we die to our sin and are buried and resurrected with Christ.

### TEST FOR MASTERY

### **Review Questions**

1.	"Pascha" means the Day of (Resurrection), but it also means the (3-Day) Pascha –
	Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday, and the Day of Resurrection.
2.	"Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for(Passover) and the Greek word for (to suffer) or (to experience).
3.	The crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ affect the entire (creation).
4.	We don't just celebrate the three-day Pascha as things that happened in the past, but we live them (now).
5.	There is no Resurrection without (death) and (burial).

#### LESSON 1 – GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

#### OBJECTIVES - students will learn

- 1. Christ dies of His own free will because He loves us.
- 2. Everything in creation "weeps" when Christ dies on the Cross.
- 3. Almost everybody treated Christ bad or deserted Him, but He forgives everybody.
- 4. Christ conquers death by death.
- 5. Christ recreates humanity when He dies on the Cross.

LESSON (Matt. 26:47-27:66; Mark 14:33-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56; John 18:1-19:42)

#### What happened on Great and Holy Friday (Good Friday)?

- Different ways to do this
  - First Way
    - Read the Gospel passages one at a time
    - Put together a list of the events that occur in the first Gospel
    - Then add new events listed in subsequent Gospels till you have read all 4 Gospels
  - Second Way
    - Instead of reading the Gospel passages, just ask the kids to tell you everything they can remember about what happened to Good Friday.
    - Start a list and ask them to put things in order as they list them

#### **Main Points**

- Christ died of His own free will because He loves us and obeys His Father (John 18:1-11)
  - He knew everything that was going to happen to Him
  - When He said I AM He (which is God's Name), the soldiers fell backwards
  - He didn't let His disciples defend Him
- Everything in creation "wept" when Christ died on the Cross
  - the Sun went dark, the earth shook
  - Because Christ is the Creator, all creation reacts when He died
- Almost everybody treated Christ bad or deserted Him, but He forgives everybody
  - judges, crowds, and soldiers treat Him badly
  - everybody closest to Him (except the Theotokos & St. John) desert Him
  - Even so, He asks God His Father to forgive those who crucified Him
- Christ conquers death by death

- death as separation; physical death separation of soul and body; spiritual death separation of soul from God
- when Adam and Eve sinned, they became separated from God and each other, and their souls were no longer in control of their bodies. So, their bodies died and so did their souls
- Christ never was separated from His Heavenly Father, and His Body and His Soul were never at war with each other.
- So, when He died, His Body and Soul couldn't stay separate.
- Christ recreates humanity when He dies on the Cross
  - As God created mankind on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, so God recreates mankind on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (Friday) by Christ's death on the Cross.
  - As God took Eve from the side of sleeping Adam, so God takes the Church (the Bride of Christ) from Christ asleep in death.

### TEST FOR MASTERY BY REVIEW

Read "Great and Holy Friday" Book with students

Re	view Questions
1.	Christ dies of His own free (will) because He loves us
2.	All of (creation) "weeps" when Christ died on the Cross
3.	Almost everybody treated Christ bad or deserted Him, but He (forgives) everybody
4.	Christ conquers death by (death)
5.	Christ recreates (humanity) when He dies on the Cross

#### LESSON 2 – GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

OBJECTIVES - students will learn

- 1. Great and Holy Saturday is THE Sabbath that all other Sabbaths are a picture of
- 2. On Great and Holy Saturday, Christ rests from His work of re-creating the world
- 3. But also on Great and Holy Saturday, Christ goes down into Hades to free its prisoners
- 4. Two possible reasons the Bible says so little about Great and Holy Saturday
  - 1) there were no eyewitnesses
  - 2) the Bible doesn't tell us everything, but just things we need to know

### LESSON (Matt. 27:62-66; Luke 23:55-56)

- The chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate and asked for the tomb to be sealed so that the disciples couldn't steal Christ's body (Matt. 27:62-66).
- The women who prepared ointments for embalming Christ *rested* on the Sabbath (Luke 23:55-56).
  - the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment is to keep the 7<sup>th</sup> day in remembrance of God resting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Exodus 20:8-11)
- Jesus *rests* in the tomb in death on this Sabbath
  - on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of creation, God rests from His work of creation
  - on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Saturday), Christ rests in the tomb from His work of re-creating the world (by His death on the Cross)
- so, Great and Holy Saturday is THE Sabbath to which the other Sabbaths point
- Jesus descends into Hades to free its captives
  - Acts 2:31/Psalm 16:10-11; I Pet. 3:18-19; Eph 4:8-10
- VERY little in the Gospels about Great and Holy Saturday. Two possible reasons
  - the disciples saw the Crucifixion and they saw the Resurrected Christ, but of course, nobody saw Christ in the tomb and in Hades
  - the Bible doesn't tell us everything, but just things we need to know

#### TEST FOR MASTERY BY REVIEW

Read "Great and Holy Saturday" Book with students

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### LESSON 3 – PASCHA (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24;1-53; John 20:1-21:25)

#### OBJECTIVES - students will learn

- 1. Through Christ's Resurrection, the dead are raised.
- 2. Christ's Body is the same, but different.
- 3. Christ is the first fruits from the dead.
- 4. Christ freely offers life and forgiveness and joy to all
- 5. Pascha Sunday is both the 1<sup>st</sup> day and the 8<sup>th</sup> day the beginning of the endless day of eternity.

### What happened on Pascha?

- Different ways to do this
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    - Start a list and ask them to put things in order as they list them

#### Main Points

- Through Christ's Resurrection, the dead are raised.
  - The righteous dead rose after the Crucifixion and came into Jerusalem after the Resurrection
  - We are raised from spiritual death (sin) by Christ's Resurrection
- Christ's Body is the same, but different.
  - Same
    - He eats
    - He still has the wounds in His hands and feet and side
    - Sometimes, the disciples recognize Him
  - But different
    - Christ left His grave clothes in the tomb (grave clothes were still "rolled together," meaning when He rose, He just went THROUGH the grave clothes)
    - He went through walls
    - Often people didn't recognize Him
- Christ is the first fruits from the dead
  - His Body is the same, but different because He rose from the dead, never again to die.

- Same because that Body is Christ's own Body that He died in not a different one
- Different because Christ's Body is now what God originally meant a human body to be
- So, Christ is the first fruits all those who are saved will have bodies like Christ's
- And all of creation will be transformed, too
- Christ freely offers life and forgiveness and joy to all
  - He goes out of His way to restore Peter
  - He lets Thomas put his hand in His side and accepts his confession of faith
  - Christ forgives us, too, no matter what we have done, if we are willing to repent
- Pascha Sunday is both the 1<sup>st</sup> day and the 8<sup>th</sup> day the beginning of the endless day of eternity.
  - Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, the beginning
  - But it's not just any beginning, but the beginning of eternity. So, it's the 8<sup>th</sup> day, too the unending day of eternity.
  - EVERY Sunday is a little Pascha. As we receive the Eucharist on Sunday, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ so that we can share in His Life forever and ever.

### TEST FOR MASTERY BY REVIEW

Read "Pascha, the Feast of Feasts" Book with students

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1.	Through Christ's Resurrection, the dead are (raised).
2.	Christ's Body is the same, but (different).
3.	Christ is the (first fruits) from the dead.
4.	Christ freely offers life and forgiveness and joy to (all).
5.	Pascha Sunday is both the (1 <sup>st</sup> ) day and the (8 <sup>th</sup> ) day – the beginning of the endless day of eternity.